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Under Spanish rule, the State and the Catholic Church were united in the Philippines. The Malolos Constitution, however, as formulated by the Revolutionary Congress, was careful to provide for the separation of the Church from the State. This principle was given practical application with the coining of the American administration. On the other hand, absolute toleration of religious sentiment has been made secure and will continue to be well safeguarded by the Philippine Constitution. Even among the most zealous adherents of the Roman Catholic Church no sentiment exists for any deviation from this fundamental policy.